Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Irene Eleanor Filbey, and we are richer because Irene lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Irene was born March 5, 1908, at Marshall, Michigan, to Lawrence and Bertha Ellis; and,

Whereas, Irene married Theodore Filbey and to this union 2 children were born, Owen and Frances, who in turned blessed their lives with 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Irene has touched the lives of many young persons as a teacher and 4-H leader; and,

Whereas, Irene resides in her own home at Pierre, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2008, as

IRENE FILBEY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State